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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the month of December is already here! The holiday season adds to the hustle and bustle of our busy lifestyles. It is especially important at this time that your child maintains an academic focus and takes time to remain as a well-balanced individual.

Congratulations to our NCRMS grade six engineers who were able to successfully build and **launch their rockets** this year! One major change this year was in reference to the fact that some of the fabrication had to be done at home, which was a blessing in disguise. Many students spoke to more time with their parents working to finish the project as a plus to the assignment. After the rocket was complete, students were able to launch at school maintaining social distance protocol. Special thank you to Ms. Brocking, Ms. Ciotti, Ms. Cuba, Ms. Hay, and Ms. Safonte for their efforts during the process.

As you know, our **student government recognizes our bus drivers and our operations staff** every year with a breakfast and luncheon respectively to say thank you for all of the support throughout the year. With COVID protocols in place, this proved to be difficult this year, but our organization pressed on. We provided a "drive thru" breakfast to our bus drivers on Tuesday, November 24th, where the drivers stopped in our bus circle and were given a bagged breakfast and coffee or tea. Our operations unit were given an individually packaged lunch and beverage on Wednesday, November 25th. A very special thank you to advisors Rose Ferro and Brittany Erario, as well as clerical assistant Liz Carbonette for all their efforts to keep a tradition alive!!

In an effort to create unity and spirit during the month of December, we are joining the other buildings to celebrate a **Spirit Week** consisting of some specific themes that our student body has chosen. The event begins for cohort II with Whacky character day on Wednesday, December 9th, followed by Armed Forces / wear camouflage Day on Thursday and Flashback Friday! Cohort I would start with Armed Forces / wear camouflage day on Monday, December 14th, followed by Throwback Tuesday and Whacky character Wednesday.

Important December Dates:

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| Wednesday, December 9 th : | Board of Education Mtg. 8 p.m. |
| Tuesday, December 22 nd : | NCRMS Progress Reports Posted |
| Thursday, December 24 th – Friday, January 1st: | Winter Recess |

Listed below are some of our NCRMS student accomplishments:

Congratulations to November's character coupon winners, **Trianna Corrodus (grade 6), (grade 7) Brennan Sock and Nicholas Calandrino (grade 8)**. Students were given some tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion from local vendors and merchants.

In order to prevent **traffic issues in our parking lots**, children that are to be dropped-off and picked-up before and after school hours should be using the back parking lot that is accessible by the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School Driveway. The NCRMS "north roadway" is closed to all traffic except buses from 7:00 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Your cooperation and interest in the safety of our students is appreciated.

Schools across the nation are taking measures to enhance safety standards in their communities. It is very important that you remember to bring **proper identification** with you when signing your child out of our school for any reason. Please ensure that family members/friends listed on the Census Verification Card are able to provide identification as well.

A brief reminder in reference to **school closings and delayed openings**: *In case of adverse weather and/or road conditions, the district schools may be closed or delayed by two or three hours, depending on the severity of the weather.* Visit News 12 and our website where school closings, delayed openings, and inclement weather bus stops will be posted. You will also be notified via our communication system Ed Connect, which will send a phone call and/or an email to the numbers/addresses on file. Please be sure that you discuss your early dismissal plan with your child.

We have posted a number of **informational items** for your review. One example that will always accompany the newsletter is the monthly publication titled, Middle Years, which provides information and ideas to help support your adolescent child. The website for middle school interscholastic athletics information is <http://www.sectionxi.org>. Please check this website for dates of games, directions, etc. Also, take a look at the **FYI NCR Page** a link can be found on the NCRMS homepage. The goal of this website is to help inform students and parents about all of the great things that are planned for the North Country Road Middle School. Please visit the District's homepage (<http://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/>) to find the link that will bring you to a site dedicated to promoting Miller Place School District happenings. Scroll through the page to see news stories and photos as we celebrate our District's hardworking students and dedicated staff. This page can also be accessed by visiting <http://millerplaceinthedia.com/>.

Feel free to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor, or any member of the administration at any time to answer your questions or address your concerns. Remember, no concern is too small. Working together, we can help your child reach his or her maximum potential in order to experience success.

Best wishes for a peaceful holiday season.

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